Appl. No. 10/655,258 Amendment dated July 27, 2004 Response to Office Action of June 10, 2004

Remarks

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action of June 10, 2004. Claims 8-10 have been withdrawn. Claims 1-27 are currently pending. Applicant requests further review and reconsideration in light of the following remarks.

Election has been required among the following species:

Species 1: Figures 1, 2, 5, and 6

Species 2: Figure 3

Species 3: Figure 4

Applicant hereby elects Species 3 for further prosecution, without traverse. Applicant submits that claims 1-7, and 11-22 are readable upon this species, and accordingly claims 8-10 have been withdrawn.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. An action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan M. Hines

Registration No. 44,764

Jonathan M. Hines ADAMS EVANS P.A. 2180 Two Wachovia Center Charlotte, North Carolina 28282 Tel. 704-375-9249

Fax: 704-375-0729

e-mail: jmh@adamspat.com

File: 3108/2